

EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

The Ostensible purpose of the Germans was to reach the coast.

The State Library Association will hold a two days' session in Lexington Oct. 29 and 30.

George Washington sued Christopher Columbus for a \$250 rent debt in San Francisco last week.

Hon. John C. Duffy went to Kuttawa Saturday and spoke in the interest of the Democratic ticket.

The landslide at the Panama Canal Thursday will stop traffic only about a week, unless there are further movements.

Mr. Bryan spoke 30 minutes at the depot in Clarksville Saturday morning, on his way to Memphis, and was given a great ovation.

The allies last Friday captured Hannesdamps and are congratulating themselves that they have cleared the place of "scamps."

The Germans dig their trenches with mechanical plows operated by motor power. These were provided before the war broke out.

The Hartford Republican, edited by Col. C. M. Barnett, has bolted Willson for Senator, but is supporting the rest of the Republican ticket.

A second boat load of the survivors of the Hawke, sunk by a German submarine, have been picked up, making 121 saved out of 400 on board.

The announcement comes from Russia that they can't do much more fighting in Poland until the ground freezes hard enough to do away with the mud.

Gen. Von Kluck, the most capable general the war has developed on the German side, judging by results, has been relieved and Gen. Von Arnim placed in command.

Public sentiment is becoming unfavorable to England for the lack of energy displayed in the war and particularly for the failure to send reinforcements to Belgium.

"Germans March to the Sea" is a headline in the papers that reminds the South of the most indefensible act of war ever perpetrated on American soil, "Sherman's March to the Sea."

The Russians will play a waiting game as they did once before. The Germans will go into winter quarters in Poland and not try to advance as far as Moscow. William is not that much of a Napoleon.

The Germans are now at Ostend and it is only a little distance across the channel at its narrowest part to the English city of Dover. The fear seems to be entertained that Germany will make Ostend a base of airship operations, but England can do the same at Dover, without a hostile foe in the rear.

The trial of Secretary of State Crecelius was called in Frankfort yesterday. He is charged with obtaining money from the treasury by false pretenses for three months. His defense will be that he divided a \$100 salary between two clerks, drawing the whole amount in the name of one who was paid \$25, the rest going to an assistant who acted as instructor for the principal.

The Lutheran church lost one of its most notable pastors in the death of Rev. Heinrich Wunder, D. D., which occurred at Chicago recently. This patriarch of the Lutheran Mission Synod, justly called Mission Father Wunder, had reached the age of eighty-four years, of which he had spent sixty-four in active service. In that time Pastor Wunder had christened nearly 17,000 babies, married nearly 7,000 couples, and conducted about as many funerals.

RINGLING BROS. TOMORROW

Big Show Will Give Two Exhibitions In Pennyroyal Fair Grounds.

THE PARADE AT 10 O'CLOCK

The Performances Will Be Given at 2 O'clock p. m. and 8 O'clock p. m.

Hooray! Likewise—hold your horses! For they'll be in Hopkinsville tomorrow.

The elephants, the camels, the beautiful ladies dressed in fluffy pink tarletons-a-glitter with spangles and, most essential of all else, the rumbly wagons of red and gold without which a circus wouldn't be a circus at all. Most anywhere between 2 and 4 p. m. is the time; the freight yards of the Tennessee Central railroad, the place, and Ringling Brothers' "world's greatest show" the piece de resistance which, in so far as the learned diagnosticians of red wagon fever instruct us, no small boy and few lads and lassies grown tall have ever been able to resist.

Clowns and calliopes (for joy of joys, there are to be two steam pianos), baboons and ballets, zoo and zebra teams, ponies and pigmies, giants and giantesses, tents and tumblers, chimpanzees and chariots, cow-boys and cow-girls, spectacles and spellers, riders and rhinoceroses, giraffes and gyrfalcons, peanuts and parachutes, aerialists and airships, pink tights and pinker lemonade, trapeze and trappings, bag and baggage, gold and glitter, and the thousand other wonders of dear old Spangletown will begin one whole joyous day's sojourn when the four long yellow trains bearing the Ringling name roll into the freight yards tomorrow morning.

And, unless all alarm clocks fail, it is a safe wager that young Hopkinsville will be down at the tracks long before the sun to greet the habitants of this traveling municipality and to proffer their undivided assistance in leading the spotted ponies and their comrades of the menagerie from the railroad yards to the circus grounds.

For it is in this direction that the youngster's chiefest interest lies. What cares he for statistics? The fact that the big show which he welcomes carries 89 cars upon which are transported almost 1,400 people, including a ballet of 300 dancing girls, who will later in the day dance before the throne of Solomon in the magnificent spectacle of "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba" is a mere detail which interests him (the youngster and not King Solomon) not at all.

Neither is your small boy concerned with the fact that this spectacle is followed in the course of the Ringling program by a carnival of arenic wonders enlisting more than 400 performers, the majority of whom are foreigners making their first visit to America.

No, with the youngster its usually a question of "How many elephants?" A train load of the great, grey mountains will answer the lad's query in person tomorrow morning and will reiterate the reply in the parade, and again, in the three rings at the matinee and night performances.

The first "official" appearance of the circus will occur with the street parade which, leaving the show grounds at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, will pass over the usual route. The pageant has been described as "three miles of stretched-out rainbow." It is the finest ever exhibited by the five famous brother showmen. There will be six bands, the calliopes, gorgeous tableau wagons filled with richly gowned women, scores of open dens, more than 700 horses, clown wagons, of course, and such distinct novelties as a team of sixteen camels driven like horses.

Those who witness the performances at the circus grounds will see the most talented array of artists

ALLIES AWAIT GERMAN ASSAULT

Army Which Besieged Antwerp Is Now Free To Attack Lines of Allies at Some Point On Long Battle Front.

FRENCH REPORT 2 ATTACKS CHECKED

The British Troops Have Made Advance of Thirty Miles In The Past Four Days, Asserts The London Official War Bureau.

From the Battle Front, Oct. 19.—What in previous wars would have been called great battles were fought Sunday on the eastern wing of the fighting line stretching from the Belgian coast to Switzerland. In this great battle of nations, however, these fights are regarded merely as incidents. Fighting has always been of the most fierce nature in this district owing to the strenuous efforts of the Germans to obtain possession of the strong fortresses of Verdun, Toul and Epinal to open a way from Metz into France.

Saint Die, on the Murthe, 32 miles northeast of Epinal, was the center of the attacks which resulted in a repulse for the Germans with heavy casualties. The borders of both Alsace and Lorraine also felt the shock of the battle and in Vosges the famous French Alpine regiments were in contact with the German columns.

Fight in Dense Fog.

During a dense fog which overhung the battle line, hindering operations on both sides, a section of French infantry recently made a dash on the Germans on the Somme river, surprised the men in the trenches and annihilated their first line with the bayonet.

The Frenchmen pursued their advantage, but fell into the hands of a reserve battalion of German infantry, who captured all of them. The fog thickened and prevented the Germans from moving and they formed a hollow square around the prisoners to await the clearing of the atmosphere.

The Germans then bivouacked and silence reigned until a voice rang out from among the prisoners, "to the guns, comrades," every Frenchman rushing to the stacks of guns, the butts of which could be seen beneath the fog. The German commander and a dozen men standing guard tried to resist the French, but fell under their own bayonets and the entire German battalion dazed by the onslaught, surrendered. The French took them back to the French lines after the fog lifted.

Bayonet Charge.

On another part of the line, where 800 Germans were well-burrowed in

ever presented by the Ringling Brothers'. The spectacle of "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba," with its 1,250 characters, mammoth ballet, camel caravans and amazing electrical effects, is a complete production in itself. Yet this is but an added feature to the arenic congress which, for two hours will occupy the three rings, the rigging, the interstages, and the hippodrome roofed by a main tent capable of seating 12,000 people and which measures 500 feet in length by 250 in width. This season has been termed "novelty and innovation year" with the Ringling show and unusual foreign acts are to the fore. Prominent among these is a troupe of native Balkan riders, who, with their band of splendid Arabian stallions, defy all precedents in equestrianism.

New to this country are the Andresens, Grau and Mirano brothers in perch acts fifty feet in the air. Interspersing the entire program will be acts by boxing kangaroos in 3-round bouts, whole troupes of trained elephants, horses and seals, statue dogs and the antics of half a hundred clowns who do everything foolish from shooting toy rabbits with cannons to sailing around the tent-top in an airship. There will be but two Ringling performances here at 2 o'clock and 8 o'clock to-

quarries the French General called for 300 Turco volunteers. During the night the Algerians, discarding their rifles, crept in with bayonets between their teeth and surprised the Germans, of whom only 8 escaped.

The number of spies in the war zone seems undiminished and there are frequent executions, particularly in the east. Recently a German colonel and a captain appeared in the French camp dressed in the uniforms of privates. They said they had been separated from their regiments and requested to be permitted to serve at the front in another command. They replied without accent to all questions put to them and their identity was revealed only when they claimed to know the commander of the regiment to which they had applied for service. They said they had seen him at a certain place, but the commander having not been there, the spies were forced to reveal their identity. They were shot.

Paris reports that while occasional impatience is manifested at the lack of decisive news, Parisians have come to realize that the battles have been transformed into veritable sieges with their comparatively slow operations. Even after the battle from Dunkirk to Belfort is decided army officers are looking forward to still another siege.

It will be in the extreme north that important events in all probability will be recorded.

Berlin says all signs indicate a change is impending in the struggle in northern France, where for weeks the hostile armies have faced each other in such strongly entrenched positions that neither has been able to advance except at enormous cost.

Petrograd reports "on the front in East Prussia and on the Vistula there is nothing new to report. Austrian attempts to cross the San river have failed. South of Przemyśl the fighting continues. At several points there were bayonet attacks in which we captured fifteen Austrian officers and more than a thousand soldiers."

"Austrian reinforcements are reported in the passes of the Carpathians."

tomorrow, the doors opening one hour earlier to permit a visit to the menagerie. A downtown seat sale will open at the Anderson-Fowler Drug Company, incorporated, at 9 o'clock show day morning.

Ringling Brothers' will exhibit at the Pennyroyal Fair Grounds, the tents to be stretched on the grounds surrounded by the race track.

HIGH PRICED WEED.

Samples of Virginia Tobacco That Sold For \$40.

Minor Davis, of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., received from Virginia a few days ago several samples of tobacco representing high priced grades used for cigarettes and plug wrappers. One hand is from a lot that sold for 40 cents a pound, others sold at 20 cents and 19 cents, and lugs that sold for 12 cents. These tobaccos are small and very light and are cured by a special process. Mr. Davis has the samples on exhibition in the window of the Singer Machine Co.'s office.

Gen. Von Hindenburg, the German commander on the Russian frontier, is 67 years old and can hardly walk, being afflicted with both

COURT AT STANDSTILL

Owing To Illness of Circuit Judge Hanbery Yesterday.

MERRITT TO BE TRIED AGAIN

W. P. O'Neal Pleaded Guilty To Two Charges and Is Taken To Bowling Green.

The charge against Marshall Garrett, Jr., colored, who shot and wounded Nora Gray, his sweetheart, and was indicted for shooting and wounding with intent to kill was reduced to shooting in sudden heat and passion Saturday and Garrett was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for one year.

The second trial of George Merritt, for contempt of court, was set for yesterday but no court was held, owing to the illness of Judge Hanbery.

The grand jury is still in session. Commonwealth cases will be taken up when court resumes.

William Paul O'Neal, the negro arrested at Guthrie for the separate charges of entering a mail car and robbing the mails, pleaded guilty to both indictments. He is under \$500 bond for the each of both offenses, and has been taken to Bowling Green to be tried before the Federal Court.

The damage suit of Alex Wright, col., against R. L. Horn for \$10,000 was set for trial in circuit court on last Saturday, and was called. The plaintiff announced the absence of two witnesses whose testimony was alleged to be material. Defendant's attorneys, Linton & Clark and C. H. Bush, announced ready for trial and demanded of the plaintiff an affidavit, showing what his absent witnesses would state, proposing to permit the affidavit to be read as evidence of said witnesses, whereupon the plaintiff attorneys retired. After some consultation they returned into the court and dismissed the suit. The defendant recovered the cost of the trial.

SEWER TAP GRANTED

Council Will Permit Government to Run Pipe to Virginia Street Main.

The Council met Friday night in regular session. Ringling Bros. asked that the \$100 license for a street parade be remitted, but this was not agreed to.

Supervising Architect Emmert appeared and asked to be given permission in perpetuity for a sewer to run from the government building down the south edge of Ninth street to Virginia so as to tap the sewer main at the intersection of Ninth and Virginia. The cause of this is that in figuring on the sewer connection for the postoffice building the report made to the government architects was wrong in that it showed the Ninth street sewer main to be a foot and a half lower than it really is. Consequently the building was planned on this basis and it is now impossible to connect with the main directly in front of the building as had been expected. In order to get the necessary fall for the sewer it is figured it must go to Ninth and Virginia before the connection is made.

Practically all of the time was given to this matter and the city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance granting the permission.

The meeting was held with only 6 members present, less than a quorum. In third class cities the Council must have 12 members and five new members to put it on a third class basis have never been elected and the entire membership of seven constitutes a quorum. This is the first time the Council has been short of a quorum since the new charter

SUNDAY'S WAR NEWS.

Germany.

Following up the capture of Ostend, the Germans are said to be pressing on toward Dunkirk, and several German aeroplanes have already flown over that city. A great number of military supplies are said to have been seized by the Germans at Ostend and Bruges. The spoils included guns, ammunition and 200 locomotives. Prince Oscar, son of the German Emperor, who was forced to leave the army some time ago on account of heart trouble, is said not to be improving rapidly.

The Germans have laid mines in the River Scheldt, according to Dutch reports. It is reported at Athens that the Germans have furnished the Turkish Government with money to carry on the mobilization.

England.

A British cruiser and four torpedo boats have sunk four German torpedo boat destroyers, according to the statement given out by the British Admiralty. One British officer and four men were wounded in the engagement and there are thirty-one German prisoners of war on the five vessels. No serious damage was inflicted on the British warships.

The latest official list of casualties in the British army reports the death of Maj. Gen. Hubert L. W. Hamilton, commander of the Third Division of the British expeditionary forces, who was mentioned several times in the report of Sir John French.

The Holland American liner Noordam, which left New York October 6, is said to have hit a mine in the English channel, injuring seven persons.

France.

The recapture of Formello by the allied army is reported in the French official communication last night. It is also stated that the Germans have been repulsed in a battle along the Ypres Canal to the sea. Parisians are once more beginning to fear that the Germans will attempt to take the capital. It is stated in the dispatches from France that the Germans have been unable to make any progress in the South.

Russia.

It is reported from Berlin that the Austrians have succeeded in driving the Russians out of Marmaros, and that of the immense invading army which entered Hungary only 4,000 now remain. Both sides report the inactivity at present existing in the Province of Suwalki, but it is thought that both vast armies are being placed for a decisive battle in Poland. Around Warsaw it is stated that the Russians have been able to break the German advance and throw the enemy back several miles.

KING ALBERT WILL STAY

Ready to Give His Life For Country's Independence—Sure of Victory.

London.—"Tell everybody I will never leave my army if I leave Belgium soil."

This declaration was made by King Albert of Belgium to a Belgian diplomat who interviewed the ruler at Ostend Wednesday, according to the Daily Express, which quotes the diplomat. The king continues:

"Our army has retreated from Antwerp and concentrated brilliantly. All are ready to give their lives, as I am, for Belgium's independence. It breaks my heart to think that this beautiful country, so peaceful, so industrious, should be occupied, even temporarily, by so wanton an enemy. I feel that whatever has been done has the warm approval of all Belgians and civilized Europe. We may suffer reverses, but our confidence of final victory is stronger than ever. We are beaten, perhaps,